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## Aaliyah inspires

10-year-old named one of Top 50 Kids of the Year by Time Magazine and Nickelodeon

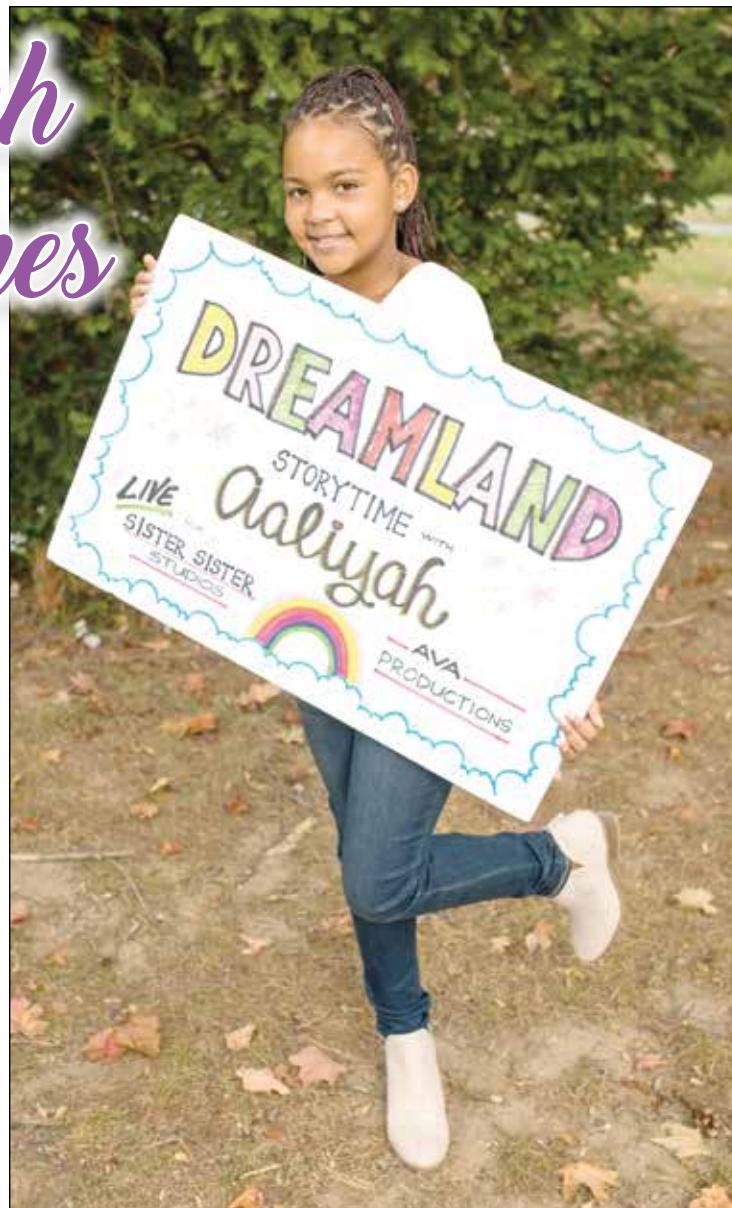
By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – In today's world, there's no such thing as being too young to inspire those around you. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 10-year-old South Hadley resident Aaliyah Hall has done just that and more.

Over the past six months, Hall has followed her heart and imagination by launching "Dreamland with Aaliyah," a nightly interactive program on Facebook Live. Hall has connected with thousands of readers across the world, simultaneously raising \$10,000 for multiple non-profit organizations and causes.

"Using your imagination is really important," said Hall. "When

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Courtesy photo

Ten-year-old South Hadley resident Aaliyah Hall spent the pandemic operating "Dreamland with Aaliyah," an online show that resulted in her being named one of the Top 50 Kids of the Year by Time Magazine and Nickelodeon.

## Sullivan addresses COVID, Halloween, hunting

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Balancing a variety of issues ranging from COVID-19 to the onset of the fall hunting season, Town Administrator Mike Sullivan is certainly keeping busy. On Sept. 28, his administrator's report shed light on several pertinent items.

Most importantly, South Hadley's COVID-19 statistics continue to trend in the right direction. During its most recent two-week span, the town reported only four new cases of the novel coronavirus.

As of Sept. 29, South Hadley had observed a total of 217 confirmed cases, 218 contact cases, nine probable cases and three suspect cases in 2020. The development is encouraging, but Sullivan still recommends residents to act intelligently.

"While trends remain very positive for South Hadley this is no time to take our collective foot off the gas," he said.

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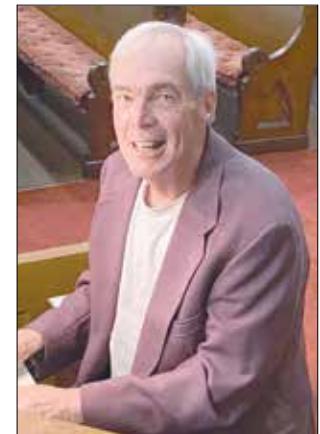
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## SHELD bring Public Power Week to South Hadley

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Despite the many challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Hadley Electric Light Dept. remains undeterred. Building upon its century-old tradition, SHELD has placed a renewed focus on increasing public awareness regarding the benefits of its versatile services.

From Oct. 4 to 10, the utility provider will host "Public Power Week," offering residents an opportunity to become more acquainted with the many SHELD programs that customers can take advantage of. Kelly Frazier, SHELD's marketing and customer service manager, emphasized that transparency is critical.

"One of our strategic goals is enhancing the quality of life for the rate payers and residents of South Hadley," said Frazier. "It is very important for us to try to communicate all of these different areas that we can assist our rate payers in."

Public Power Week will aim

to do just that by spreading word of the benefits that surround programs and services such as free home energy audits, home or commercial energy efficiency rebates, electric vehicle charge rebates and solar installation rebates.

Throughout the pandemic, SHELD has continued to build out its fibersonic service, a wide scale project providing residents and businesses with gig speed residential internet and phone access. The department began its five-year roll out in 2019, a process that the pandemic did not extinguish.

"Covid has taken a toll on a lot of things this year, but we really haven't skipped a beat," said Frazier. "It's dedication and local commitment. Our crews have shown up. We've considered an emergency response utility so it was very important that we practiced all safety protocols and we still do. Although the office is closed, we've been available the entire time during normal business hours."

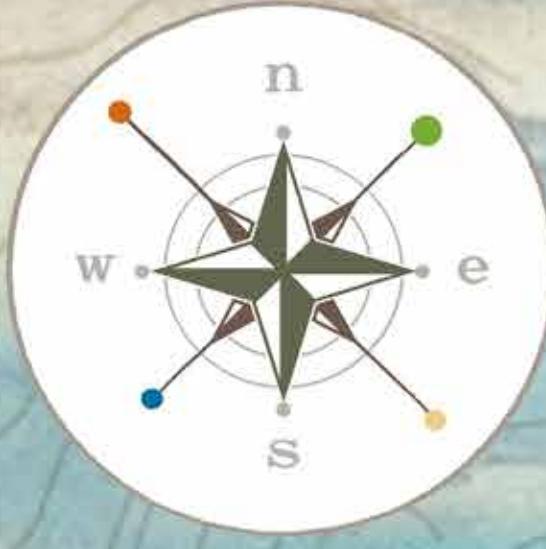
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SHELD employee Brandon Ro is pictured during a new pole installation.

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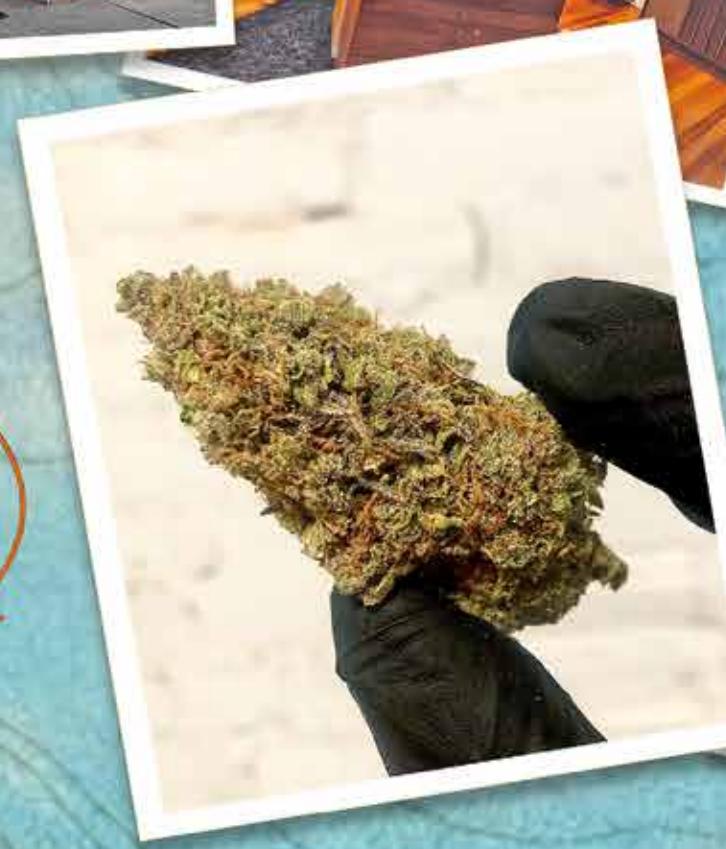
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# South Hadley's Master Plan progresses

**By Dalton Zbierski**  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY — The town of South Hadley's pursuit to produce its next Master Plan is slowly but surely progressing. On Sept. 23, the Master Plan Implementation Committee convened virtually for the first time since January.

"More remains to be seen, but it's shaping up to be a pretty ambitious document that will actually be able to reflect a bit on what we've learned since COVID came," said MPIC Vice Chair Nate Therien.

Every 10 years, the town is responsible for producing a new master plan, and much has changed since the current document was approved in 2010. As drafts are being created and reviewed, the implementation committee is making a conscious effort to involve different town entities in the creative process.

"My impression is that the 2010 plan had a lot of extreme-

ly specific tasks, but this will let the boards or committees decide specifically how they want to address some of the goals," said MPIC Chair Judith Gooch Dobosh. "This may also make it more palatable because last time they felt that they were suddenly faced with all these tasks that they didn't have any opportunity to say, 'Yes, no or this doesn't make sense.'"

An array of town entities will participate in the construction of the new document. The groups include, but are not limited to Capital Planning, the Conservation Commission, the Cultural Council, the DPW, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Selectboard and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Michelle Wolfe, a member of the review advisory board, is one of several individuals who have read over the draft. She noted that the document stood at 92 pages before the changes and appendices that have not yet been added.

"The update committee provided a lot of really good comments and feedback to make the plan really improved," said Wolfe. "I really think it's going to be a great plan once it's updated and finalized. There was a lot of hard work put in; everyone had so many pages of comments. I think they were all valid."

During the Sept. 23 meeting, committee members were assigned to different town entities that they will be responsible for communicating with. Dobosh estimated that it will take multiple meetings to work with each board or committee to come to an agreement.

"By the middle of October or the end of October we need to start making appointments to get on the agenda for the various entities. That may take a while because everyone has lots of stuff on their agendas," said Dobosh.

Therien added that the final document should be completed by late January or early February before being voted on at Town

Meeting. Due to the uncertain times, a date for next year's Town Meeting has not been announced.

Worth noting is that the implementation committee is working on its first master plan since being established. Dobosh is confident that the group's efforts will enable the future document to be complete and more acknowledged that great responsibility will fall on the committee's shoulders.

"We had no tasks assigned to us in the 2010 plan because we didn't exist," said Dobosh. "We were created afterwards so one of the tasks that is assigned to us is to go back over our charge and see whether that is still appropriate given the new responsibilities. We can decide whether we want to accept them or we don't."

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**Local church offers teachers e-gift cards**

**Staff Report**

SOUTH HADLEY — As educators and families return to school this fall, they are faced with many new challenges. Second Baptist Church in South Hadley is supporting local schools by offering each educator a \$5 e-gift card to the educator resource known as "Teachers Pay Teachers."

Teachers Pay Teachers includes both on-line and in-person material for all different grade levels. "Our church's hope is to help over 400 local educators, which will also bless the hundreds of students they serve!" according to a press release from Second Baptist.

Because funds are limited, this offer is available only to educators in South Hadley, Holyoke, Granby, Chicopee and Belchertown. To avoid duplicate requests and ensure that these funds are used locally, educators simply need to contact/email the church at admin@sbcsouthhadley.com using their school email.

They will be sent an e-gift card along with a message of support.

Instead of the e-gift card, Second Baptist Church also has a limited number of disposable masks a package of either adult or children sizes for teachers to have on hand for their students.

## South Hadley Cultural Council accepting grant applications

SOUTH HADLEY — The South Hadley Cultural Council is pleased to announce that the 2020-2021 grant application cycle has begun. They will continue to accept applications through Nov. 16.

The South Hadley Cultural Council welcomes applications from individuals and groups that promote the arts, humanities, and sciences through programs that benefit the citizens of South Hadley. They especially welcome applications for programs that bring art and culture to students in South Hadley Public Schools, as well as those accessible to people with disabilities: in ac-

cessible locations, and/or specifically geared towards making arts and culture more accessible. This year, safety is also a high priority: the Cultural Council is actively seeking applications for events that can be conducted online or that otherwise take pandemic safety into account.

Applications should note the way the program benefits the citizens of South Hadley. They must also specify a confirmed venue, date and time (or timeframe) during the calendar year 2021, and other sources of financial support. No more than 50% of the total project cost should be requested

from the Council.

The South Hadley Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council,

cil, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

For more information, visit the South Hadley Cultural Council's website: <https://www.south-hadley.org/385/Cultural-Council>. For the application, visit the Massachusetts Cultural Council's section for South Hadley: <http://mass-culture.org/south-hadley>.

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Bridget Sears, 11, charges as fast as she can down a bounce house bungee run during the Michael E. Smith Middle School's Columbus Day Fall Festival.

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# Opinion

## GUEST COLUMN

# Keeping up with Kyle

A monthly South Hadley School Committee column

In normal times, October is a month of transition.

From Summer to Fall. From baseball to football. From everything to pumpkin spice.

But these, as you well know, are not normal times.

As our lives fill with the quintessential sounds of autumn—the crunching of leaves, the creaking of our floors in the chilly morning air—our neighborhoods and houses also continue to sound differently than they usually do. That's because the COVID spring turned to COVID summer, and COVID fall has begun. We are inside, and our houses are doubling as office spaces and classrooms.

On its best day, our lives are effectively awkward.

Make no mistakes, there is not a single member of our school community who is not eager to get back into our school buildings. The feeling of normalcy, comfort of seeing one another, the tried-and-true tenet of in-person education and services. These are the things we crave. These goals—seemingly just around the ever-shifting bend—warm our spirits through increasing-chilly mornings.

As our committee continues to meet throughout this ongoing global health crisis, we have our eyes on the prize.

But the truth is that the health metrics and our team of health advisors comprise only one piece of the school re-population equation. Because not only are we racing against the impending autumn COVID spike, but we are also competing with our own building's ventilation systems.

So, yes, the “numbers” in our region may improve. The trends might tick in the correct direction, and your Facebook community may quickly jump to conclusions about what is possible. The state-generated color-coded maps might tell a certain story.

But it's only one part of the story.

Lower numbers in our communities are, indeed, the most important data point to watch. Yes. Because that means that there is less suffering in our community, and that fewer families are dealing with the physical toll that this scourge can take.

And that matters so much.

The other crucial piece of this puzzle is the HVAC systems. These numbers are not ones that are reported on in the local media. Heck, until this past summer, none of us were comfortable using the words “health metrics,” and yet, here we are. Expect much more talk about HVAC and ventilation in the coming months. Just know that your school committee and school administration are hard at work learning all they need to know to make the decisions that will keep our schools and school communities as safe as possible throughout the coming COVID season.

So, yes, this October will be one of transition. It is certainly one of settling. But make no bones about it: it is also one of learning—for all of us.

Speaking of learning, I have been so fortunate over the past several weeks to be sitting one room over from my kiddos while their remote learning experience has begun to unfold. What a remarkable tour de force—from the kids and their resilience, to the teachers and their continued optimism and patience. I'd love to encourage each of you to extend some added grace to the students and teachers in your sphere.

A little grace goes a long way.

Finally, a major thanks to all the folks who checked after last month's column posted. The diversity of perspectives and life experiences in those emails is grounding and encouraging. We truly are a special town.

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## IN THE GARDEN

### The Garden Lady takes on fall questions

A gardener from Ware is curious about the difference between dried and fresh herbs. “I grew and dried numerous herbs this summer and have begun to use them in recipes. Why do you need less of an herb if it is in dried form? It would seem to be reverse!”

Fresh herbs, by weight, contain a great deal of water. Once dried, the essential oils, which is what gives the herb its flavor, become concentrated. Because of that, most recipes will call for only one-third to one-half of a dried herb if it is being substituted for a fresh herb in a recipe. To dry herbs from your garden, simply harvest a few stems, secure them with a rubber band and hang them upside-down in a dark, well-ventilated area.

A reader in Belchertown wrote in with this question: “I was surprised to find a small peach tree growing out of my lazy-man’s compost pile. I am sure it is a peach because part of the pit is still attached. Can you tell me if this was just a fluke, or can peaches be started from seed that easily?”

Peach pits will often grow into peach trees without much work on our part. Simply plant a moistened pit two to three inches deep in the soil and wait until spring, that’s when germination will likely occur. The variety you get may or may not be as great-tasting or as large as its parentage but it makes for a fun experiment nevertheless. Trees that grew from pits in our compost pile over a decade ago are still supplying my Mom with teenie but tasty peaches. Last fall I purposely planted some pits from some awesome-tasting peaches and luckily, one sprouted. Sometimes they take more than a year to germinate; maybe I’ll be surprised with a few more next spring.

This question was posed by Marie who reads the column from South Hadley: “I heard once that you can store pots of geraniums and begonias in the basement over the winter. Basically you just cut them back and ignore them, then come spring begin watering them again. Is this true? I’d love to be able to save my plants for use next season, but don’t have the window space upstairs to do so.”

Sure, here is how it’s done: Before you put your plants in storage allow the soil in the pot to dry somewhat. Then, cut the plants

back to a couple of inches above the crown and set them in their winter home. Besides the cellar, unheated rooms, enclosed porches or other spaces that don’t freeze and aren’t too damp work well. Check them every few weeks and water sparingly if necessary, never letting the soil dry out completely. When spring comes, gradually begin to introduce sunlight. Once the threat of frost has passed the plants can go outside for the summer months. If last year’s potting soil is “exhausted” of nutrients, carefully repot the plant into new soil. Prune away any weak branches and give it some liquid fertilizer. For a bit of work you might be able to reuse your plants and spare your wallet! Besides geraniums and begonias, the method of overwintering can work with fuchsias, coleus, New Guinea impatiens and some of the new Proven Winner and Proven Selection plants. Good luck!!

## IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennelly@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



## A QUOTE

### of NOTE

“ Using your imagination is really important. When you’re reading a book, you’re not just in your seat anymore. You’re somewhere else. Whatever’s happening in that book; that is the place that you are. ”

Aaliyah Hall in the story,  
“Aaliyah inspires.”

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## GCAM Schedule/ Shows

### Staff Report

*Program schedules for Channel 12 air in two-week cycles. The following programs have been listed for October 2 through October 11.*

#### Monday, Oct. 5

- 7 a.m. – Yoga for Health
- 8 a.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 9 a.m. - Tai Chi
- 9:30 a.m. – Open Mic Poetry
- 10 a.m. – A Quilter's Touch
- 11 a.m. – New England Authors
- 11:30 p.m. – Smart Boating
- 12 p.m. – Eat Well, Be Happy
- 1 p.m. – 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe with Todd Carpenter
- 2 p.m. –The Garage
- 2:30 p.m. – Abelvision
- 3 p.m. – Yoga for Heath
- 4 p.m. – Granby UCC Sunday Service
- 5:00 p.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 6:00 p.m. – Granby UCC Sunday Service
- 7 p.m. – Eat Well, Be Happy
- 7:30 p.m. – Yoga for Health
- 8 p.m. – Granby UCC Sunday Service
- 9 p.m. – A Quilter's Touch
- 10 p.m. – Museum Open House

#### Tuesday, Oct. 6

- 7 a.m. – Seniors on the Move
- 8 a.m. – Alivelhood
- 8:30 a.m. – Fast Forward
- 10 a.m. –Walk in the Garden
- 11 a.m. – Museum Open House
- 11:30 a.m. – Tracing Your Family Roots
- 12:30 p.m. – Songspeak
- 2 p.m. – Yoga for Health
- 3 p.m. – Tai Chi
- 4 p.m. – Fast Forward
- 5 p.m. – Alivelhood
- 5:30 p.m. – Tracing Your Family Roots
- 6 p.m. – In the Garden with Liz
- 7 p.m. – Songspeak
- 8 p.m. – The Granby Journal
- 9 p.m. – Local Rock

#### Wednesday, Oct. 7

- 7 a.m. – The Garage
- 7:30 a.m. – Paint w/Kevin
- 8 a.m. – Smart Boating
- 8:30 a.m. – Eat Well, Be Happy
- 9 a.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 10 a.m. - Tai Chi
- 11:00 a.m. –Yoga for Health
- 11:30 a.m. Cinemaniacs
- 12:30 p.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 2:00 p.m. – Tai Chi
- 2:30 p.m. – Summer Concert
- 4:00 p.m. – Yoga For Health
- 5:00 p.m. - Museum Open House
- 5:30 p.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 7 p.m. – Eat Well, Be Happy
- 7:30 p.m. – Paint w/Kevin
- 8 p.m. – Smart Boating
- 9 p.m. - A Quilter's Touch
- 10 p.m. – Tracing Your Family Roots

#### Thursday, Oct. 8

- 7 a.m. –Tai Chi
- 8 a.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 9 a.m. –Yoga for Health
- 10 a.m. – Abelvision
- 11 a.m. – Cinemaniacs
- 12 p.m. – Fast Forward
- 1 p.m. - Healthy Bones & Balance
- 2 p.m. –Yoga for Health
- 3:30 p.m. - New England Authors
- 4 p.m. – Walk in the Garden with Liz
- 5 p.m. – Open Mic Poetry
- 6 p.m. – Fast Forward
- 7 p.m. – Museum Open House
- 7:30 p.m. – Tracing Your Family Roots
- 9 p.m. – Cinemaniacs

- 10 p.m. – Old Country Road 2019

#### Friday, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9

- 7 a.m. – Yoga for Health
- 9 a.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 10 a.m. – Yoga for Health
- 11 a.m. – Tai Chi
- 12 p.m. – GCAM Retro
- 1 p.m. – Eat Well, Be Happy
- 2 p.m. – Cooking for Kids
- 3 p.m. – Elder Law Talk
- 4 p.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 5 p.m. – GCAM Retro
- 6 p.m. – A Quilter's Touch
- 7 p.m. – Paint w/Kevin
- 8 p.m. – GCAM Retro Series
- 9 p.m. Museum Open House
- 10 p.m. – Local Rock

#### Saturday, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10

- 7 a.m. – Yoga for Health
- 7:30 a.m. – The Garage
- 8:30 a.m. – Open Mic Poetry
- 9:30 a.m. – Yoga For Health
- 10 a.m. – Abelvision
- 10:30 a.m. –Fast Forward
- 11:30 a.m. – Granby Journal
- 12:30 p.m. – Tracing Your Family Roots
- 1:30 p.m. – The Garage
- 2:30 p.m. – WWII History
- 3 p.m. – Library Event
- 5 p.m. – Library Event
- 6 p.m. – Union Jack 2019
- 7:30 p.m. – Cinemaniacs
- 8 p.m. – Songspeak
- 9 p.m. – GCAM Retro
- 11 p.m. – Creature Features

#### Sunday, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11

- 7 a.m. – Seniors on the Move
- 8 a.m. – Open Mic Poetry
- 8:30 a.m. – Tai Chi
- 9 a.m. – Yoga For Health
- 10 a.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 11 a.m. – Financial Elder Abuse 2019
- 1 p.m. – Healthy Bones & Balance
- 2 p.m. – Tracing Your Family Roots
- 3 p.m. – In the Garden w/ Liz
- 4 p.m. – Granby UCC Sunday Service
- 5 p.m. - Healthy Bones & Balance
- 6 p.m. – Granby UCC Sunday Service
- 7 p.m. – Fast Forward
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- 9 p.m. – Financial Elder Abuse
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## Belchertown man pleads guilty to federal firearm offenses

BOSTON – A former federal firearm licensee pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in Springfield to firearms charges.

Max T. Gaj, 29, of Belchertown, pleaded guilty to receipt and possession of unregistered firearms, receipt and possession of National Firearm Act firearms not identified by serial number, making a firearm in violation of the NFA, selling firearms in violation of state and local laws, and making false entries in, failing to make appropriate entries in, and failing to properly maintain records as required. U.S. District Court Judge Mark D. Mastroianni scheduled sentencing for Jan. 21, 2021.

Gaj, who was a federal firearms licensee and part owner of Dark Horse Gunsmithing in South Hadley, received and possessed three firearms: a machinegun, a machinegun bearing no serial number and a shotgun. The firearms were not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, as required by the NFA. Gaj also made a machinegun in violation of the NFA.

In addition, Gaj sold two firearms, a Glock Model 17 pistol and a Glock Model 43 pistol in violation of state law. Gaj also made false entries, failed to make appropriate entries and failed to

properly maintained records as required of a federal firearms licensee.

The charges of receipt and possession of unregistered firearms, receipt and possession of NFA firearms not identified by serial number, making a firearm in violation of the NFA, selling firearms in violation of state and local laws provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of selling firearms in violation of state and local laws provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of making false entries in, failing to make appropriate entries in, and failing to properly maintain records as required provides for a sentence of up to one year in prison, one year of supervised release and a fine of up to \$100,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and Kelly Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine G. Curley of Lelling's Springfield Branch Office is prosecuting the case.

## ValleyBike offers student discount

AMHERST – ValleyBike Share is the all electric assist bike share program of the Pioneer Valley that includes the cities and towns of Amherst, Easthampton, Holyoke, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield and the UMass Amherst Campus.

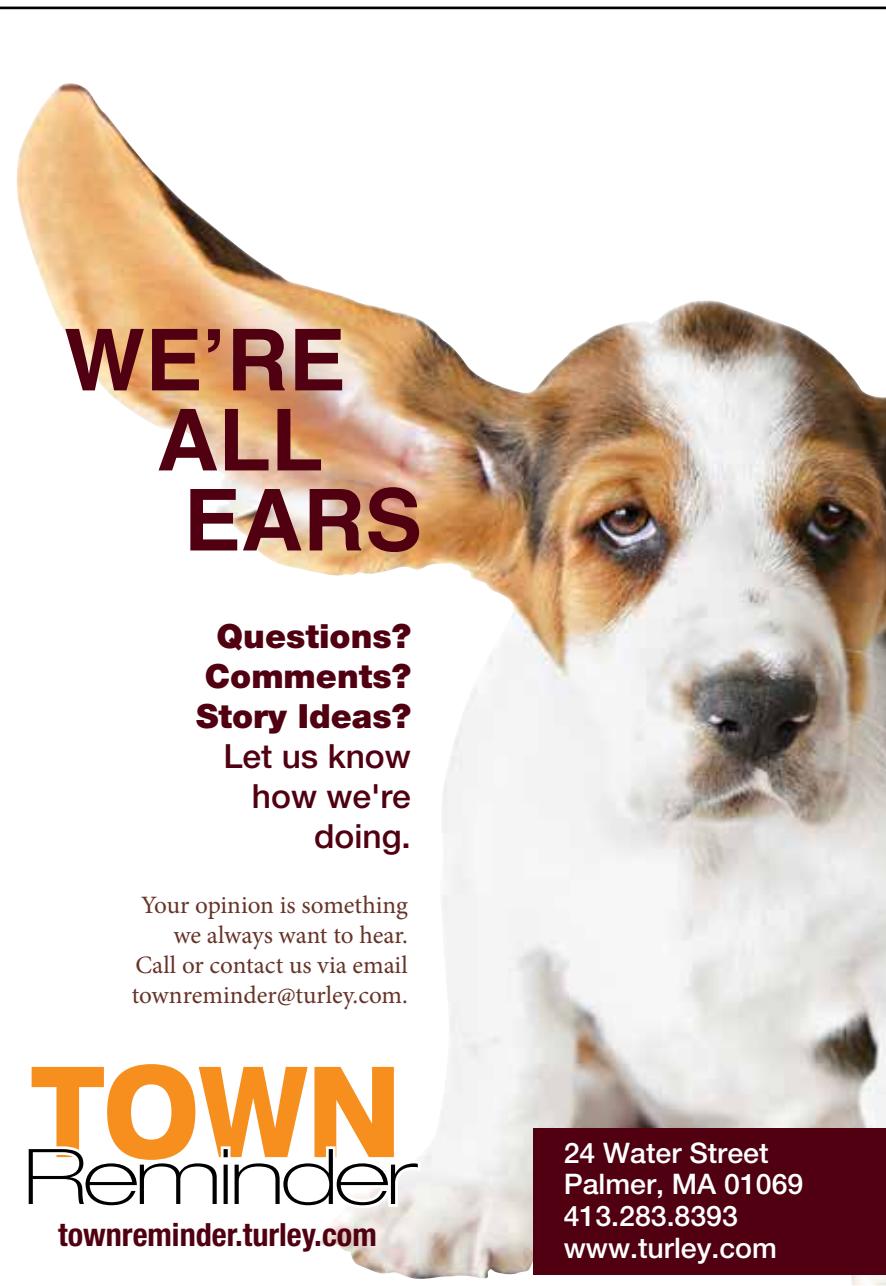
ValleyBike has started offering a special discount to all area students that have an "@.edu" email address. The pass is \$60 for an annual membership and includes unlimited 45-minute rides.

"We hope students both have fun

with ValleyBike and use this micro mobility option to explore the Pioneer Valley without a car," said Shannon Bliven, marketing coordinator, in a press release.

The electric assist bikes can go from one town to another with ease within the system, which allows for use if a student has classes at any of the other colleges in the service area. They can join by going to [www.valleybike.org](http://www.valleybike.org).

ValleyBike is open from approximately April 1 to Nov. 30, weather permitting.



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# ► South Hadley

## Longtime music minister feted with a scholarship fund

SOUTH HADLEY — Minister of Music at First Congregational Church Amherst and South Hadley resident Richard S. Matteson, was recently surprised by church and choir members who announced the creation of the Richard S. Matteson '73 Scholarship Fund at Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford.

The occasion was the June 21 church worship service broadcast on the church's YouTube channel, and the day before Matteson's birthday.

This year marks the 60th year of Matteson's debut as a church musician when he was 12 in Cohasset, Massachusetts. To celebrate that anniversary and to underscore a widely shared affection for Matteson, as the church's beloved Minister of Music, members began a secret campaign to raise enough money to create a scholarship fund at the Hartt School of Music where he graduated in 1973.

By the time of the surprise announcement, that sum had reached \$15,600 with over 70 gifts. With Matteson joining in the fund-raising effort over the summer with direct appeals to his many friends and choristers from other churches throughout the Pioneer Valley and the greater Hartford area, where he served a number of churches for almost forty years, organizers hope soon to reach \$25,000, which will qualify the fund as

an endowment and will award annual scholarships in perpetuity to student musicians at Hartt.

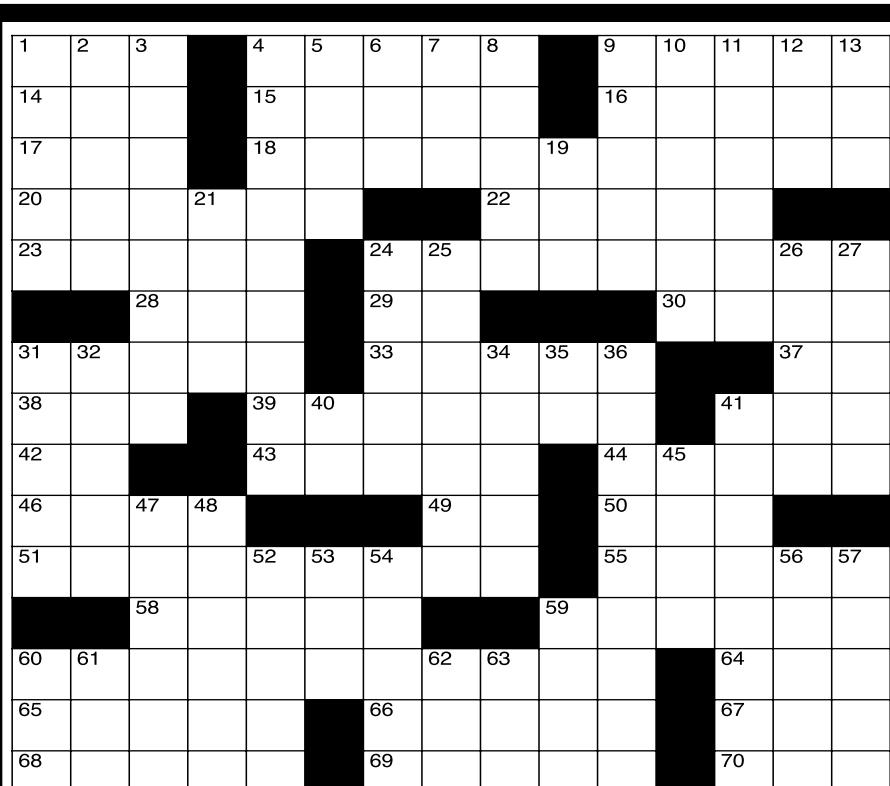
Since moving to Western Mass. in 2006, Matteson has served as short-term Organist and Choir Director at Old First Church in Springfield, chorus accompanist at WNEU, Chorus Director at the Community Music School of Springfield, accompanist for the South Hadley Chorale, Music Director for Black Cat Theater, South Hadley's Community Theater, where he now is President of the Board, and Minister of Music at First Congregational Church in Amherst, a position he has held for the past 12 years. Other affiliations include serving as Treasurer of the South Hadley Cultural Council and a Board Member of the South Hadley Chorale.

Readers are welcome to join in. Checks may be made out to The University of Hartford; be sure to write "Richard S. Matteson '73 Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and mail the check to Office of Institutional Advancement, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford CT 06117-0470. Or you can donate online at <https://www.hartford.edu>. At the UH home page, select the "give" page, then select "other," and add "Richard S. Matteson '73 Scholarship Fund" in the box.



Courtesy photo

**South Hadley resident Richard S. Matteson, was recently surprised by church and choir members who announced the creation of the Richard S. Matteson '73 Scholarship Fund at Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford.**



### CLUES ACROSS

- Part of (abbr.)
- Persons
- Moved with a curving trajectory
- Bitterly regret
- Cause to feel embarrassed
- Type of toast
- Bobby \_\_, NHL champ
- Analogies
- Mixes
- Beloved flowers
- Clinton special prosecutor
- Avoids
- Innermost brain membrane: \_\_ mater
- Atomic #18
- Remain as is
- One who's been canonized
- Indian king or prince
- The Bay State (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

- Forms adjectives
- Give off
- Partner to flow
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Popular clothing material
- Organism parts
- Central US Native American people
- Blood type
- Wrath
- Perennial tropical grass
- Vetches
- Buffalo
- Envelope type
- Tuberculosis
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Pops
- Indo-European languages
- Fiddler crabs
- Large bank
- Not fresh
- Scientist's device (abbr.)
- Beloved "Doctor"
- Type of turtle
- Leg (French)
- Indicates position
- Style of rock music
- Maryland athlete
- Softened by soaking
- Native Aussies
- Some are on it
- Clairvoyance
- Broken piece
- Wrong
- Starts over
- Where to hang clothes
- One point north of due east
- Gov't lawyers
- Mass of eggs in a shelffish
- Smile
- Wrap
- A citizen of Iran
- Island off the coast of Tanzania
- Knives
- Beloved "Doctor"
- Auburn legend Newton
- Retired but allowed to retain title
- Algerian port
- African country
- "Wayward Son" rockers
- Bring out of sleep
- Auburn legend Newton
- Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece
- Choose to represent
- Peace
- Work hard
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Express delight
- Explosive
- Journalist Tarbell

## October programs for the South Hadley Public Library

### Staff Report

SOUTH HADLEY — The following are the upcoming October events at the library.

You can sign up for all programs at [shadleylib.org](http://shadleylib.org). If you have any questions call at 413-538-5045.

### Sat. Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. - Zoom Program: The ultimate Red Sox presentation

Take a fun and enlightening journey through Boston Red Sox history with the author of the Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book. This presentation features videos and photographs of the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/35VSNuo>

### Wed. Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom Program: Creating a more diverse community presentation

How does fair housing laws and reduced housing discrimination create a community that represents and reflects everyone? This lecture will help you find out how. Presented by Nathalie Vicencio, Fair Housing Specialist from Way Finders Housing. Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/3kFLYkH>

### Sat., Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. - Zoom Program: New Book on Belchertown State School by Katherine Anderson

This is a new book from Images of America on 'The Belchertown State School.' In the first decade of the 20th century, the state of Massachusetts established itself as a leader in the education of individuals with disabilities. The third state school for the feeble-minded

was built in rural Belchertown, in the western part of the state. Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/2FQAJhb>

### Wed. Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom Program: Author Talk! Romance Writers! J. Lynn Bailey, Kirsten Osborne, and Jennae Vale

Do you love romance books? Come learn and talk with three romance writers. Learn a bit about their processes, what they have in the works, and discover a series. JL Bailey - Contemporary Romance, Kristen Osborne - Historical and Contemporary Westerns, and Jennae Vale - Time-Travel Romance. Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/3ml4URZ>

### Sat. Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. - Zoom Program: Author Talk, Memoir Author Jack Saffell will discuss "My Splendor" Book about his Deaf/Blind Wife

My Splendor is the heartwarming story of Danielle, a deaf girl making her way in a hearing world. Despite the many obstacles she faces, Danielle's soundless life is filled with an overflowing of great love, happiness, loss and tragedy. Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/34143mB>

### Sat. Oct. 31 at 11 a.m. - Zoom Program: A Celebration of Animation Presentation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters of All-Time

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts this fun, nostalgic and enlightening presentation based on his book, A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History. Sign Up Here: <https://bit.ly/3mJG9oy>

## Have Something to Share?

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# Town advises residents to follow CDC guidelines for Halloween activities

**SOUTH HADLEY** – As a municipality, South Hadley does not host or regulate any holiday - including Halloween - or have any authority to do so.

In a typical year, trick-or-treating is an organic event that unfolds naturally among town residents. The municipality does not determine hours, locations or postponement. The town encourages residents to be safe and considerate of their neighbors.

During this pandemic, if residents do choose to participate in trick-or-treating, they are asked to use common sense. Practice social distancing. Telling residents to wear a mask would be redundant for this holiday, but it is also advised they have the right mask on - Halloween or not.

The town recommends residents follow CDC guidelines listed below for holiday celebrations.

## CDC Holiday Celebrations Guide

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are sev-

eral safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

### Lower risk activities

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-

style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

### Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
- If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than six feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than six feet apart
- A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers

the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.

- Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than six feet apart

- If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced and people are able to maintain social distancing

- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family and friends with people spaced at least six feet apart

- Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cook-outs.

### Higher risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door

- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots

- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors

- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming

- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household

- Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors

- Traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19

For more information on the CDC guidelines, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>.

## AALIYAH from page 1

you're reading a book, you're not just in your seat anymore. You're somewhere else. Whatever's happening in that book; that is the place that you are."

On Sept. 30, Hall led the 200th episode of "Dreamland with Aaliyah." When the pandemic arrived in March, she felt compelled to connect with others and created a platform that she said has expanded beyond her wildest dreams.

"A lot of things were being cancelled like plays and recitals and school so I really wanted to create something that wouldn't be cancelled," said Hall. "It's been amazing being able to con-

nect with so many people online because we can't be in a real space together. I imagined that Dreamland would grow, but never really imagined how much."

Hall has received national recognition for her achievements. Time magazine and Nickelodeon identified her as being one of the top 50 "Kids of the Year" in 2020, and Hall appeared on the Drew Barrymore Show on Sept. 15.

Each edition of Dreamland with Aaliyah features a different book. Selections have ranged from classic children's stories to works celebrating people, themes and events that include Juneteenth, Earth Day, Pride month, Malcolm X and Rosa Parks.

Hall has even partnered with numerous local bookstores and interviewed authors and community leaders, as Dreamland with Aaliyah steadily evolves. Regardless of age, background or preference, Hall feels strongly that a perfect book exists for everyone.

"Someone might not feel very strong about reading, which is okay, but I would say that when you're reading you can find the thing that you're truly passionate about and really want to do," she said.

One of Hall's proudest accomplishments this year has involved helping her six-year-old sister Ava learn to read. She also expressed gratitude for her

mother, Dr. Marcella Runnel Hall of Mount Holyoke College, and father, Dave Hall, a professional DJ for New York City radio station WBLS 107.5 FM.

"Their support has been so important; it has meant everything," said Hall. "Besides everybody else watching, they helped me keep going with it. Every night for six months; that is just so important to me. My family and my sister really pushed me to keep going."

Hall is only 10 years old but has already formed a clear vision of what her future might entail. Dreamland with Aaliyah has introduced Hall to a world of full of unique and wonderful interactions; one that she cannot get

enough of.

"I definitely want to be an entertainer or performer in some way. I want to be an actress or a singer or a dancer. Another job I could like is being a novelist because I would love to write books. I really want to write children's books too, and I'd love to be a photographer," she said.

Every evening at 6:30 p.m., Hall leads a new edition of Dreamland with Aaliyah. With the assistance of her family, Hall runs SisterSister Studios, the production's home-based headquarters.

To catch the next episode of Dreamland with Aaliyah, one can visit [Facebook.com/watch/aaliyahsdream](https://Facebook.com/watch/aaliyahsdream).



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# In the Classroom

## Living through history

*Local elementary students share their thoughts on COVID-19*

SOUTH HADLEY — Much like the rest of the world, children have gone through the pandemic and are experiencing history being made from their homes.

**By Bryce Lamoureux**

Canceled school (yay!)  
Oh, so boring!  
Running in the backyard but nowhere else.  
Outside fun with my bike and roller blades...even our bounce house!  
Nothing else to do, so we have picnics.  
Anything but this virus would cheer me up.  
Viruses you can't see are still unhealthy for you and me.  
Indoor games and movies, too, lots of practicing guitar,  
Reading, YouTube and baking with Mom.  
Until we go back to school we cannot see our friends  
Swings and slides and Nerf gun battles, a little soccer, too.

**By Myles Munoz**

I hope that this will end very soon  
I miss school  
I miss my friends  
I miss playing with my friends at their houses and them coming to mine  
I miss socializing  
I miss taking road trips, hotel stays and traveling by plane  
I wish everything was back to normal  
I'm grateful I still get to call and see familiar faces  
Play Roblox together and have lots of fun, tell some funny jokes and laugh a lot!



**By Shawn Litovich**

Life during coronavirus is very boring because you don't get to see your friends.  
You have to stay stuck in your house and it's not really that fun.  
Something happy is you get to be with your family. It's fun to play on screens too.  
I will feel weird going back to school after coronavirus. Take care so you don't get coronavirus!

**By James Phelps**

C- crazy cooties make us scared and sick  
O- Only seeing our family members  
R- Really missing other people  
O- Only seeing friends and classmates on computers  
N- News everyday telling us to stay inside  
A- Always staying 6 feet apart  
  
V- Very bored of the same things  
I- I want to go school  
R- Running around the house  
U- Universe is locked down  
S- Sunny days make me feel better

**By Theo Kohm**

**COVID-19 Times**  
When Donald Trump tells us to drink Windex  
When we just can't say "hi" to our neighbors  
When we go to wipe but there ain't no TP  
When we go to Dollar General but there is nothing there  
When we just can't wait till COVID-19 is over

## Ukrainian dinner offered on Oct. 24

LUDLOW — Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 45 Newbury St., will hold its fifth annual Ukrainian Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., with curbside pickup only. Enjoy

pierogi, holubtsi (stuffed cabbage), kapusta, kielbasa and borscht. The cost is \$15. To reserve dinners please call or text 413-219-2126. Check the church's Facebook page.

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## Playback Theatre Workshop with Nastya Vorobyeva

AMHERST — Join a Zoom workshop by Russian performance artist and social activist for human rights, Nastya Vorobyeva for a tw-day event on Oct. 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., via Zoom. Visit the gallery's website to purchase free tickets to the workshop.

For two consecutive days, she will introduce, demonstrate and lead two sessions on the Playback Theatre method. Playback Theatre is an original form of improvisational theatre in which audience or group members tell stories from their lives and watch them enacted on the spot. It exists in more than 85 countries around the world and can apply for many purposes, as an open performances in a theatre space, as well as the way of healing and creating a dialogue with communities, in post conflict areas, disasters, accidents etc. Getting a strong start in Playback Theatre means taking enough time to immerse yourself in the rich atmosphere and dynamics of the Playback experience. In this day intensive, you'll learn the basics with lots of opportunities to practice. The fundamental Playback forms will be taught-fluid sculptures, pairs, stories, tableau and more. Each student will have a chance to try the roles of conductor and musician as well as actor. Everyone will tell and enact stories together, in the spirit of fun and fellowship.

This exhibit is free and open to the general public. For more information: asg@umass.edu or August Savage Gallery.

## Design pro to present on graphics in virtual event

VIRTUAL — Professional graphic designer, illustrator and caricaturist Andre K. Mills will illustrate graphics' power to persuade in the Communicators Club's Oct. 6 virtual event.

Sometimes, words aren't enough. An often-overlooked component in raising awareness — and the personality profile — of a business and brand is through memorable graphic design. Mills will explain the power of graphics in a Zoom presentation set for noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6. The \$10 program fee includes networking opportunities and the chance for those attending to promote their business before the main discussion begins. A question-and-answer session will follow his talk.

Mills, a Jamaica native who majored

in art at the University of Lowell, now UMass Lowell, plans to address the following areas of interest:

- Defining graphic design.
- Detailing how it's best used to convey ideas and concepts in the enterprise.
- Describing the impact strong visual communication can have on people, businesses and the world-at-large.

Mills' Lowell-based digital services include logo, website and animation creation; he also draws caricatures and portraits and commissioned work that includes T-shirt and book illustrations.

To register for the program, go to <https://conta.cc/32F2dsr>. For more information about The Communicators Club, visit <https://communicatorsclub.org/>.

## Amherst College offers free virtual music performances

AMHERST — Amherst College recently announced the 2020-2021 season's line-up, bringing the public seven free world-class performances and masterclasses, via live webcasts. Join online for music and discussion on the Amherst College Music Department website.

If you are one of our subscribers, be assured that the college is saving your seat for you for when it is safe again to gather in person.

The 2020-21 virtual season at a glance:

### Fall semester

- Conrad Tao, piano, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2
- Calidore String Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30

### Spring semester

- Narek Hakhnazaryan, cello, and Daniil Trifonov, piano, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19
- Boston Modern Orchestra Project, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021
- Juilliard String Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, March 26
- Nathaniel Dett Chorale, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10

More information is available on the college's website: [https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/music/events/music-at-amherst?mm\\_calendar=list/2012-W8](https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/music/events/music-at-amherst?mm_calendar=list/2012-W8)

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Residents who rely on SHELD can attest to the department's resiliency. The American Public Power Association recognized SHELD's success in 2019, awarding the department with the "Certificate of Excellence in Reliability" for its low outage rate.

Last year, SHELD customers had power 99.9925% of the time. The average outage time for SHELD customers in 2019 amounted to 40 minutes, 70% lower than the national average for investor-owned utilities.

The trend continued during the summer of 2020, which included several severe weather events. Frazier offered insight into what allowed SHELD to thrive in its effort to restore power following multiple heavy storms.

"A big piece of that is we're local and able to respond because our operations team really knows our distribution system very well," said Frazier. "That's really helpful for them when there are large outages like Tropical Storm Isaias, which impacted us really heavily in South Hadley. Due to skill, experience, sound prioritization of large outages and a dedicated workforce, SHELD was one of the fastest to restore power in our region."

Frazier noted that SHELD exists to serve the residents of South Hadley, adding that "public power is known for lower rates than investor-owned utilities."

She listed the benefits of a community-oriented service.

"I think that's very big for a lot of people to be able to save money, and the money that they do pay is put back right into the town. It's not going to an investor-owned utility. We're non-profit," she said.

By year's end, SHELD expects to



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**SHELD employee Jeremy Tremblay is photographed near his Fibersonic work truck.**

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tive attention off of those basic rules; stay home, cover your face, use social distancing when possible and wash your hands often," said Sullivan.

With the arrival of October, rising anticipation of Halloween is already being observed. Sullivan is optimistic that residents can celebrate the holiday with "common sense," and reiterated that, barring unforeseen circumstances, Halloween festivities will be allowed in South Hadley.

"If you are going to trick-or-treat in a traditional matter, no matter what anyone suggests, please be respectful if someone's lights are out or otherwise have clearly indicated they are not participating. Respect those wishes," said Sullivan. "If you are aware of someone who may be in the 'at risk' category, avoid them as well. Wearing a mask should be common, but make sure you are wearing a cloth mask which can catch droplets underneath."

The fall hunting season is set to begin this month in the state of Massachusetts. In addition to advising resi-

dents to be cautious in the woods and wear bright orange while hiking, Sullivan addressed a location that is expected to be frequented by hunters in the coming months.

"There is a large parcel of land in between the Town Farm and the Bachelor Brook portion of the river to Range Trail off of Route 47 which is open for hunting and is stocked with types of bird which are allowable to hunt by U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife so we encourage a heightened sense of awareness at this time in that area," said Sullivan, who added that, "The vast majority of hunters are responsible and practice safety measures which keep hikers and hunters alike safe."

Sullivan's report also noted that the town will soon

place Emergency Management Dept. messaging boards in several locations throughout South Hadley. He strongly believes that the signs will benefit the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.

"The primary function will be to communicate basic safety messages to the public and directives during emergencies but may be used in a limited manner for other municipal messaging," said Sullivan. "The Emergency Management Director secured grant money for their purchase. I believe they will be helpful in various ways well into the future."

Dalton Zbierski is a staff writer and can be reached at dzbierski@turley.com.

**(Left to right) – SHELD employees Ed Morrin (Operations Manager), Jim Pierog (Chief Lineman), Jeremy Tremblay (First Class Lineman), Jon Symonik (First Class Lineman), Brandon Roy (First Class Lineman), Top of truck-Brian Jerome (Second Class Lineman), bottom of truck – Curtis Hoye (Second Class Lineman), Pete Jesinowski (Working Foreman). Public Power Week is starting Oct. 4.**

release a customer satisfaction survey to better discern how its services can be improved. Construction in numerous locations is also ongoing, as the department works toward expanding its fiber footprint in South Hadley.

Today, SHELD boasts more than 7,900 accounts in a town that less than 18,000 residents call home; 90% of SHELD's customers are residential. Going forward, initiatives such as Public Power Week will facilitate further growth, enabling residents to become more familiarized

with the essential services that SHELD provides.

"As a utility that prides itself on reliability, we expect to be taken for granted: your lights will come on just like you expect," said Sean Fitzgerald, SHELD General Manager. "Public Power Week is a chance to let residents and businesses know we're here for them and have more to offer than they might realize."

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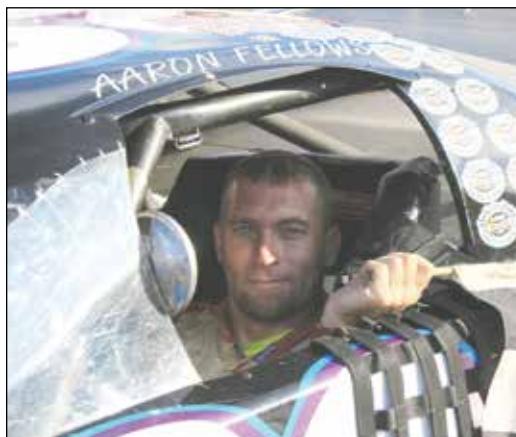
## 2020 track champions crowned at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH), Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA), Nathan Wenzel (Granby, MA), and Mike Douglas (Northfield, MA) each won championships Saturday, September 26 at Monadnock Speedway, with Fellows and Wenzel both scoring Super Saturday feature wins on the final event of the season.

NHSTRA Modified ace Brian Robie had clinched his division's 2020 crown a week earlier but, strongly in the hunt for top NASCAR Division 1 points — he entered Saturday's event tied for fourth in the national ranking — the Sunapee speedster was third in Saturday's 40-lap main event.

Swanzey, NH hot shoe Todd Patnode, the speedway's Modified champion a year ago, moved up to second in the final 2020 tally by winning his fourth feature race of the year. Hilary Renaud (Vernon, VT) & topped the Street Stocks, impressive in her second victory of the summer.

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Aaron Fellows captured the late model sportsman title last Saturday.

## Champs get back on turf



Jaidan Luis makes a quick pass to her right.

**SOUTH HADLEY** — The reigning, defending Division 3 State Champion South Hadley High School girls soccer team is back on the turf after a long lay-off. The girls will not be able to defend their first-ever state title, but are looking forward to being able to play once again.



Molly Goshea settles the ball before making a move.



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Myah Houle watches her dribble.

## Defending champs return

**GRANBY** — The reigning, defending Western Massachusetts Division 4 champion Granby girls soccer team were back at practice last week. The Rams start their season next week.



Aubrey Parent makes a save in practice.



Emily Vallee dribbles up the field.



Justice Delaney pounces on a shot.

## Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

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## Big Money on the Line in ACT-Style Late Model Show

THOMPSON, Conn. – Late Model drivers in New England won't want to miss a big 50-lap feature as part of the 58th Annual World Series of Speedway Racing at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. On Saturday, October 10, some of the top competitors in ACT-style Late Models will bear down on the Thompson high-banks with more than \$17,000 in total prize money on the line.

The race pays \$2,000 to win, \$1,200 for second, and \$1,000 for third with a minimum \$300 payout to take the green flag. However, the lucrative purse throughout the field isn't the only value drivers will be chasing. For the first time in recent World Series memory, drivers will also be chasing lap money in the Late Model feature, with most laps slated for \$50 to the driver who leads that circuit.

The total value of lap money rises close to \$3,000 with \$100 from the American-Canadian Tour (ACT) to the lap-one leader and \$300 from "The Dumpster Guy" for the leader of the final lap. ACT and Pro All Star Series (PASS) officials are leasing the track for the prestigious World Series in 2020 and running operations.

John Lesnewski, a crew member on Woody Pitkat's No. 91 Hartwell Motorsports Late Model, and Brian Tagg, a long-time competitor at Thompson, collected sponsors for the lap bonuses within just a few days after an announcement was made by Lesnewski on Facebook.

"John texted me and said he was trying to get some sponsors together and I shared it, and the two of us just went at it trying to sell them," Tagg said. "It only took us a little bit over two days to sell them all. It makes it interesting... as a driver, you're always looking for ways to make it more interesting and try to draw more interest from competitors who wouldn't normally come. The purse was already awesome, and we figured we would spice it up even more."

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Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

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The Heartbreak of The Day trophy went to Gordon Farnum Sunday. The six-race-winning Mini Stock hot shoe was an early-race victim, dropping him deep in the field and six points shy of a championship.

In the Modified 40-lapper, Patnode took the lead from Rookie of The Year Solomon Brow on lap 20 and never looked back. Brian Chapin followed Patnode to the front but could advance no farther. Robie (Saunder, NH) concluded his championship season third on the day, just ahead of Brow.

Hillary Renaud led all the way to win her second Street Stock feature of the season Sunday. Chase Curtis, who entered the season finale two points ahead of his twin brother Jaret, got up for second on lap three and followed Renaud the rest of the way to earn the championship. Chris Buffone was third.

In the season-long battle of the talented still-live-at-home 16-year-old twins, Chase earned the 2020 Monadnock Street Stock crown six points ahead of brother Jaret.

Aaron Fellows took control on lap five of the Late Model Sportsman feature and blasted

away to his 12<sup>th</sup> win of the summer, finishing far ahead of Justin Littlewood and 14-year-old hot shoe Camdyn Curtis.

While Fellows had also won the night before to wrap up his 13<sup>th</sup> championship at Claremont, his 2020 Monadnock crown is his first title ever at the high-banked speedplant.

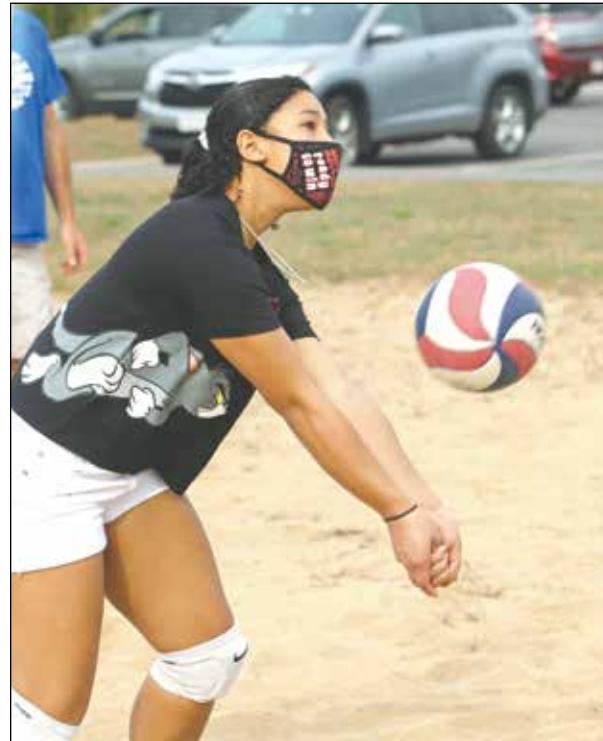
Nathan Wenzel won the Mini Stock championship by dominating Saturday's 25-lapper for his second win of the year. When six-time winner Gordon Farnum saw his championship hopes evaporate because of someone else's bull-and-jam racing on lap three, Wenzel had a clear path to the title.

Kevin Cormier came from tenth on the starting grid to earn runner-up honors, and 2019 division champion Louie Maher Jr. was third.

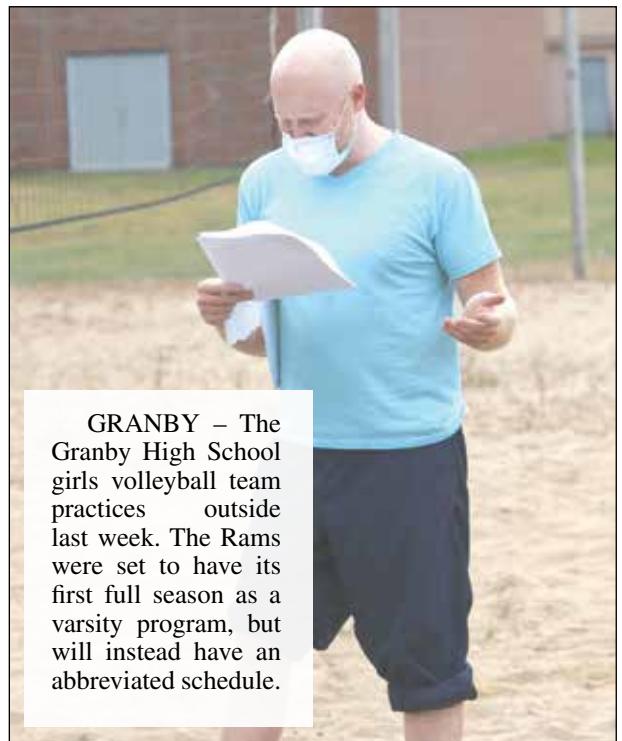
Green Mountain Boy Kodi Sabins, the day after he'd both announced his engagement and won the 2020 championship at Claremont, dominated the Pure Stock feature. Coming from way back in row eight, Sabins took the lead from rookie Brandon Lavoie on lap 15 and then drove away, taking the checkers far ahead of Lavoie and Joey Jarvis.

Mike Douglas, seventh on the day, earned his first-ever track

## Girls volleyball begins practice



Saranayo Swanigan goes low for the bump.



GRANBY – The Granby High School girls volleyball team practices outside last week. The Rams were set to have its first full season as a varsity program, but will instead have an abbreviated schedule.

Coach Zach Hall goes over information with his team.



Kyleigh Dwyer practices her serve.



Paige Galusha socks a hit.



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Victoria Quinlan returns a hit.



Nathan Wenzel, of Granby, won the mini-stock title.

championship, unseating 2019 track champ Chris Davis, who finished fourth on the day and second on the season.

In the mayhem of the nightcap 62-lap Linda Zubrino Memorial Enduro, Matt Gauffin came from 48<sup>th</sup> on the starting grid and passed Leon Keniston on lap 45 to top the frantic 70-car field.

GSPSS regular Josh King was dominant in winning a five-car, ten-lap Spectator Race.

Saturday's Championship Day event was the 15<sup>th</sup> and final program of the pandemic-shortened 2020 racing season at the

high-banked quarter mile. None of the track's 2019 titlists were able to duplicate their success of last summer.

Monadnock Speedway will close out the 2020 Season hosting two Mudbugs on Sunday, October 4 and Sunday, October 18. More information can be found at monadnockspeedway.com.

### MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 25 RESULTS:

**Pure Stocks:** Kodi Sabins, Brandon Lavoie, Joey Jarvis, Chris Davis, CJ Johnson, Nick

Houle, Mike Douglas, Robert Shaw, Cory Lofland, Matt Lambert, Jason Leray, JD Stockwell, Doug Nelson, Steve Zebrowski, Sean Lantas, Dylan Adams, Jim Decroucy, Bruce Clark, Justin Faford, Jimmy Zellman

**Mini Stocks:** Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Louis Maher II, Tim Leblanc, Kevin McKnight, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselin, Jeff Heath, Todd Taylor, Jake Puchalski, William Chaffee, Ethan Marsh, Pat Houle, Gordon Farnum, Shelby Avery

**Late Model Sportsman:** Aaron Fellows, Justin Littlewood, Camdyn Curtis, Cole Littlewood, Robert Hagar, Willie Kuhn, Joe Bates, Tyler Lescord, John Meany, Scott Beck, Matt Winter, Mike Heffernan, Nancy Muni Ruot, Eric Martel, Keith Johnson, Dan Comeau

**Street Stocks:** Hillary Renaud, Chase Curtis, Chris Buffone, Jaret Curtis, Mike Radzuik, Tim Wenzel, Nathan Wenzel, Richard Vincent, Robbie Streeter, Ed Brehio III

**NHSTRA Modifieds:** Todd Patnode, Brian Chapin, Brian Robie, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Joel Monahan, Brad Zahensky, Kevin Pittsinger, Jerry Gomarla, Eric Leclair, Kim Rivet, Trevor Bleau

# South Hadley Senior Center October update

SOUTH HADLEY – The senior center will remain closed to the public for the foreseeable future, but the staff will be available by phone and/or email, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In order to meet the needs of the older adult community, the center has increased services in several ways: increasing the number of stay home stay safe bags to 150 bags. This program has been well received and the staff have distributed and delivered 338 bags of shelf stable food items to seniors in South Hadley. The SHSS bags for October and November will contain additional information to assist you in preparing for the possibility of future statewide closures and stay-at-home recommendations.

To support this program the senior center is using monies from the COA Nutrition Fund. The fund is available because of the many local businesses, community members and COA members who have donated so generously throughout the years.

To support the physical and mental health of older residents during the pandemic, so throughout the fall and winter months, all the virtual exercise classes will remain free of charge.

The number of South Hadley residents taking part in the Meals on Wheels Program continues to grow. If you need a daily meal, don't hesitate to call 413-538-9020 (ask for information and referral). The monthly Brown Bag Program, which is provided through the Food Bank of Western Mass, has grown and we continue to add more clients to this service. (Call the center at 538-5042 to inquire)

The senior center has partnered with

PVTA and their Dial-A-Ride program to provide transportation to seniors in South Hadley. The center will be subsidizing the cost of half the ticket price in order to keep your out-of-pocket costs down.

The Channel 15 offerings has also increased which will give you the option of participating in new programs via Zoom, or by watching them at your leisure on the community access station.

## Weekly virtual and telephone programs

*All virtual programs and activities are free for South Hadley COA Members*

- Monday 10 to 11 a.m.: Tai Chi with Denise (Zoom)

Wear some comfy clothes and move and flow with Denise. This meditative martial art form is done standing.

- Tuesday 9 to 9:45 a.m.: Mindfulness practices with Kerry (Zoom)

Grab a straight back chair. Wear some comfy clothes. Learn some basics for stress management and calm during challenging times. Deep relaxation is heavy in the rotation of practices offered.

- Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.: Fitness basics with Lindsey: 45-minute class (Zoom)

Grab a straight-back chair and light weights (soup cans work, too.)

- Tuesday 2 to 3 p.m.: Social sing-along for every voice with Kerry (Zoom)

COA staff provides the music and the lyrics that you can see and sing along to. We all provide our raw talent and star power. Requests and participation encouraged. We all sing and laugh together.

- Wednesday 10 to 11 a.m. through Oct. 21, six weeks of gentle yoga Michele

(Zoom) Join Michelle from Serenity Yoga for this special six-week series. No cost. Please email Kerry at KOu-imette@SouthHadleyMA.gov to register and for payment instructions.

- Wednesday 9:30 to 11 a.m.: Creative collage w/ Linda Herron: art for everyone (Zoom)

If you have some old magazines, books, or maps with color and pictures, a pair of scissors, some glue or a glue stick, some paper, something to draw with (crayons, markers, pens...), and an open mind, you can unleash your inner artist with collage. The wonderful thing about collage is that there is no right or wrong. Linda is there to prompt and guide you as little or as much as you need. She has techniques, prompts, and an encouraging spirit to share with you.

- Wednesday 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.: How to use Zoom Features with Kerry (Zoom)

Okay, you have gotten on Zoom and can join in now. What next? Learn how to share screens, set up your own meetings with friends and family, how to play games, or simply ask questions and share what you know. (Five person maximum per weekly session.)

- Wednesday 1 to 2 p.m.: Reminiscing with Brenda (Zoom with phone in)

Sit back and relax and reminisce with Brenda about different topics every week. Brenda starts with a topic that she picks draws from out of many, and you all contribute your memories and snapshots in time.

- First and third Thursdays 9:15 to 10 a.m.: Game day with Brenda (Zoom with phone in)

Join your Host, Brenda, to play various games. Brenda chooses different

games from month to month.

- Thursday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Watercolors with Tina (Zoom)

Tina will spend two hours with you as she guides you through watercolor techniques and helps you tap into your creativity. Get your home artist space set up and paint away!

- Thursday 10:15 a.m.: Seated and standing yoga with Elizabeth Nett (Zoom)

- Thursday at 10:30 a.m.: Fitness basics with Lindsey: (see Tuesday at 10:30 for details)

## Holyoke YMCA fitness partnership with the COA for free remote classes (Zoom)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.: Join Davi on Monday for Gentle Yoga (45 minutes) and on Wednesday and Friday for Active Older Adults, aka AOA (30 minutes). Contact Kerry at kouimette@southhadleyma.gov to sign up. This offering is made possible thanks to the Holyoke YMCA.

## How to sign up for remote activities

To join in on the fun: All remote activities are held via Zoom. You can phone in where noted. Please email Program Coordinator, Kerry Ouimette, at Kouimette@SouthHadleyMA.gov by the day before the activity you would like to participate in. You will be sent a link via email from your instructor to join in on the Zoom fun at least an hour before your activity begins. If you wish to phone-in to the activities that are noted, you can email Kerry at the address above or call 538-5042 to register.



**Deadline for submissions is October 22nd.**

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# Public Safety

## South Hadley Police Log

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*Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the South Hadley Police log and arrests for the week of Sept 14 to Sept. 27. The information was provided by Chief Jennifer Gunderson based on review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Mass General Law prohibits the release of names of those arrested for domestic incidents.*

### Monday, Sept. 14

11:35 a.m. – A Brainerd St. resident reported an identity theft incident. The resident reported getting call from person reporting to be from Amazon regarding unauthorized charges to account. The scammer said they couldn't refund amount under a certain dollar amount was deposited into his account, which was \$5,000.

9:44 p.m. – A Ralph Ave. resident reported a breaking and entering incident. She said she heard her car door open and saw the interior light on in the vehicle. She was unable to provide a description of the suspect or their direction of travel. The suspect left before police arrived. Nothing was reported to be missing from the vehicle.

### Tuesday, Sept. 15

11:18 a.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud after the resident was notified by their employer.

3:43 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud after the resident was notified by their employer.

### Wednesday, Sept. 16

2:05 p.m. – Officers dispatched for a report of a multi-car accident on Muller Bridge on the south bound side. After an investigation, it was determined a vehicle operated by a 37-year-old man from Watervliet, New York, travelling across the bridge going north in the southbound lane when he struck two other motor vehicles. The matter is under investigation. He will be summoned to court on several charges motor vehicles offenses to be determined. Injuries were reported to four occupants who were transported from the scene.

2:25 p.m. – Owner of Shop and Go

convenience store reported vandalism to the exterior of the store after someone spray painted on the building. There are no suspects at this time.

### Thursday, Sept. 17

7:33 a.m. – A Bridge St. resident reported vandalism to a trailer parked down the street in the form of spray paint on the trailer.

1:40 p.m. – An officer took a report of unemployment fraud after the resident was notified by their employer.

3:17 p.m. – A Magnolia Terr. resident called reported their vehicle was broken into overnight. A small amount of change was taken.

### Saturday, Sept. 19

12:34 p.m. – Officers responded to Rocky's Hardware on Newton St. for a report of a larceny from the store. The suspect was in the store at the time of the call. It was reported that in the previous two days, the suspect was seen on video concealing several items of merchandise and leaving. The suspect was found, identified and is expected to be summoned on two counts of larceny.

### Sunday, Sept. 20

5:07 p.m. – Officers to Berwyn St. address where resident reported a past assault and battery and destruction of property. The suspect was known to the reporting party. The matter is under investigation.

### Monday, Sept. 21

11:02 a.m. – Officers responded to the Whitewing Service Station on Newton St. after being contacted by one of the owners of the business who reported they saw someone shoplifting on their surveillance system. The owner was able to get the plate number and identified the suspect, who will be summons on the charge of shoplifting.

11:53 a.m. – An employee of Hertz Rental reported larceny of motor vehicle rented to person in May which was not returned as of Monday, Sept. 21. Officers were unable to find person and warrant issued for suspect. On Sept. 23, Daniel McGough, 49, formerly of Florence, was located by state police in the vehicle in the breakdown lane on the state turnpike in Grafton. He was arrested on a warrant.

### Tuesday, Sept. 22

10:04 a.m. – Officers took a report

from a resident who said someone threw eggs on their vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

2:36 p.m. – Officers took a report from an Old Lyman Rd. resident who said someone stole a package that was delivered to the residence. There are no suspects at this time.

3:58 p.m. – While on patrol in area of Linda St. officer observed three packages on side of the roadway, addressed to person out of Holyoke. The packages didn't appear to be tampered with and the officer contacted the person addressed on the packages. The person said they were expecting the packages and went to the station to pick them up. It is believed the packages could have fallen off the truck.

9:50 p.m. – Officers responded to a Newton Manor residence for a report that someone came up to a resident's door and was turning doorknob, attempting to get inside. The officers were able to find the suspect, Samantha Brooks, 27, of South Hadley, who said she mistakenly went to the wrong apartment. Officers found that she had an outstanding warrant and she was arrested.

### Thursday, Sept. 24

5:53 p.m. – A resident on South St. reported a break in after they arrived home to find the side door of the residence open. Earlier in the month, the resident also reported another incident where their residence was broken into. The exterior cords to the security camera were cut, power cut off to the house. The resident reported there were many items stolen from the residence. There are no suspects at this time.

8:10 p.m. – An East St. resident reported their daughter got an unwanted phone call from a known party. The party was spoken to and the matter was resolved.

### Friday, Sept. 25

1:33 a.m. – A Spring St. resident reported damage to his door and a 28-year-old South Hadley resident will be summons on charges of vandalism of property complaint.

6:47 a.m. – A Newton St. resident reported someone removed the catalytic converter off his truck overnight. There are no suspects at this time.

11:13 a.m. – Officers took a report of damage to different structures at Buttery Brook Park on Willimansett St. between Sept. 21 and Sept. 25, anyone with any information is asked to call the South Hadley Police station.

11:35 p.m. – Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Granby Rd. and Sunset Ave. A motor vehicle was pulling out of Sunset Ave turned in front of a motorcycle traveling southbound, the cyclist unable to avoid collision. The operator of the motorcycle was transported to the hospital with injuries and the operator of the vehicle was charged with not yielding to oncoming traffic.

### Saturday, Sept. 26

4:06 p.m. – A Gaylord St. resident reported people damaging a Bardwell St. residence. Officers were able to locate the parties described by the witness. The parties were throwing rocks through windows and attempted to enter a garage on the property. Two juveniles were charged with destruction of property and attempted breaking and entering.

6:25 p.m. – Officers responded to Fulton Rd. for a report of a single-vehicle accident. Upon arrival they found a vehicle crashed into a light pole. The operator was identified as Robert Adamski, 57, of Springfield, was placed under arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. He was arraigned in Eastern Hampshire District Court on Sept. 28.

## Granby Police

*Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 122 calls for the week of Sept. 18 through Sept. 24. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.*

### Saturday, Sept. 19

6:50 p.m. – Officers investigate motor vehicle accident on East State Street. The operator struck a deer.

### Wednesday, Sept. 23

8:50 p.m. – Officers issued a criminal citation for operation with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop.

### Thursday, Sept. 24

11:56 a.m. – Officers investigate theft from an Amherst Street business involving an employee. The incident is still under investigation.

8:29 p.m. – Officers issued a criminal citation issued for operation with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop.

## BIG MONEY from page 11

Outside of the lap money, two additional bonus awards have been provided. The second-place finisher will earn an extra \$100, a donation that reads: "paying it forward in honor of generosity of Cape Towing and Salvage and Streb Chiropractic." Woody Pitkat, who won the Late Model feature as part of the Thompson 150 on September 3, also has donated a \$100 bonus to the sixth-place finisher.

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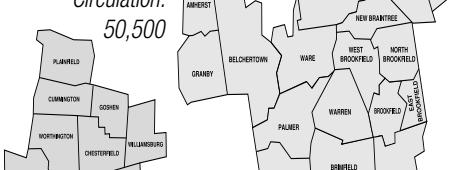
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Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, and the Governor's Executive Orders pertaining to public gatherings during the COVID 19 State of Emergency, will hold a virtual public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a request by Catherine and Steven Knowles to amend the Town of South Hadley Zoning Map by changing the zoning designation of a particular parcel of land from Agricultural to Business

**A. The public hearing will be conducted virtually/online probably using the Zoom Webinar platform and persons may join the meeting by either joining Zoom Webinar or by phone.** Final login information will be provided on the posted agenda for the October 19, 2020 meeting (agenda to be posted on the Town's website no later than Thursday October 15, 2020).

The subject property is generally described as a 0.329 tract of land situated off the south side of Pearl Street and known as 82 Sorbi Circle aka 82 Pearl Street. The subject

property is also identified on Tax Assessor's Map #58 as Parcel #72.

The complete materials (including text and maps, if any) relative to the proposed amendment are available on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall. The plans and application (and supporting documentation) are also posted on the Planning & Conservation Department's Page of the Town's website [www.southhadleyma.gov](http://www.southhadleyma.gov) in a Section titled "Zoning Map Amendment Requests". Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard regarding, this request should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Joanna Brown, Clerk  
South Hadley Planning Board  
10/02, 10/09/2020

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Bridgette Sullivan, Executive Director  
9/25, 10/02/2020

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The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday October 13, 2020** at \*1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

**1. At 7:30 p.m. "RDA"** filed by Joseph Dickinson, applicant see whether the area/work depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or any municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw of the Town of Granby with regards to property located as Lot 3 Easton Street and known as known as Map 1 Block E Lot 3 in the Town of Granby.

Amherst Street known as Map 1 Block D Part of Parcel 2 in the Town of Granby.

**2. At 7:30 p.m. "RDA"** filed by Annette Kumiega, applicant see whether the area/work depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced are subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or any municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw of the Town of Granby with regards to property located as Lot 3 Easton Street and known as known as Map 1 Block E Lot 3 in the Town of Granby.

**\*This meeting may have to be held in a remote session.** Please go to <https://www.granby-ma.gov/conservation-commission/agenda/conservation-commission-19> 48 hours before the meeting to check on the status of the meeting in case you need a phone # and password to join this hearing/meeting.

Anyone interested, and wishing to be heard, should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this "RDA" are available for inspection during regular business hours at Granby Town Hall.

Edward Chapdelaine,  
Vice Chair  
Granby Conservation  
Commission  
9/25, 10/02/2020

# Pratt prepared to serve

## New officer joins South Hadley Police Dept.

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – The most recent addition to the South Hadley Police Dept. is embracing his opportunity to serve the town he's called home since age five. Ofc. David Pratt, 22, said he wants to give back to his home town.

"It's honestly one of the reasons why I wanted to be a police officer so badly. I know what the police stand for and know what they're about. I want to contribute to showing everyone who we really are," said Pratt, who's father is a tenured Holyoke police captain.

Pratt, a 2016 graduate of South Hadley High School, was sworn into the department on Sept. 15. After receiving his B.A. in Criminal Justice from Fitchburg State University, Pratt completed the institution's police academy on Sept. 11.

For years, Pratt said he sought a career different than that of his father, but the comradery, commitment and heroism he witnessed from officers growing up ultimately influenced him to pursue the profession. He credited his father for inspiring his drive and attention to detail.

"One of the biggest things he taught me is that you have to focus on what you're doing every day. You have to look at what's in front of you; not at what other guys are doing," said Pratt. "That insight has probably been the most valuable that I've received from him, but he's told me so much about what the job was, what it's becoming and what we have to do now to evolve as a police department."

Pratt also acknowledged he has much to learn, detailing his approach to growing as a police officer, from the wisdom shared by his veteran colleagues.

"Everyone here is very supportive; always trying to help me out," said Pratt. "Just yesterday, someone who's been here for 30 years gave me his cruiser bag. I didn't have one yet; I was going to buy one, but he gave me his old one. They're just looking out for me and they're always just telling me little things."

Over the course of his first two weeks as a police officer, Pratt's time has been spent studying a lengthy collection of policies and procedures and riding on patrols. Early into his tenure, Pratt said memorizing street names is a challenge.

"I've been riding along in the cruiser. I know where I'm going everywhere in South Hadley, but it's the street names. They're so important to know because if you get a call you want to get there as fast as you can; not hav-



**Surrounded by his parents, Ofc. David Pratt, a graduate of the South Hadley High School Class of 2016, is sworn into the South Hadley Police Dept. on Sept. 15.**

ing to put it in the GPS. I've been really focusing on that," he said.

Pratt, who arrived in South Hadley in kindergarten, said he is still discovering new parts of town. As he travels from Mount Holyoke College to the Falls, Pratt is enjoying a constructive and rewarding experience.

"I've seen the differences on how the neighborhoods are [aligned] and am learning the one-way streets. It's just riding

along, really getting used to places," said Pratt. "I had never been on Pearl St. in my whole life, and I've been here for 17 years now. That was eye-opening. I didn't know we had so much farmland way up there. I'm trying to get familiar with everything so it's easier down the road."

Moving forward, Pratt said he looks forward to assuming greater responsibilities.

"I really love South Hadley. I

want to be a part of it; I want to help out," said Pratt. "Some people want to leave and go wherever, but I want live here; this is my home and this is where my family and all my good friends are. The new generation is coming up, and I want to be there."

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